

Remarks

Applicant thanks Examiner Lukton for consideration of this case and the telephonic interview conducted on October 16, 2003. As discussed in that interview, Applicant has amended the claims to cancel claims 35, 41, 42, and 47 and re-write the remaining claims as independent claims. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments, as discussed with the Examiner, put the case in condition for allowance. These Amendments should not be taken as a disclaimer of any subject matter; Applicant explicitly reserves the right to pursue subject matter that was pending prior to this Amendment in other applications.

Applicant after further reviewing this case and its priority documents also requests that the priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. patent application, USSN 07/510,274, filed April 14, 1990, be removed. Applicant submits that the disclosure in USSN 07/510,274 is not needed to support the claimed invention and is not a disclosure which would anticipate or render obvious the claimed invention. Applicant has amended the specification to remove the reference to this application under the section entitled "Cross Reference to Related Applications".

If it is believed that a telephone conversation would expedite matters, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-5215. The Examiner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this amendment, or to refund for any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.: 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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